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The Oasis of the Seas — which rises about 20 storeys high — passed below the Great Belt Fixed Link with a slim margin as it left on its maiden voyage to Florida. Five times larger than the Titanic, the $1.5-billion ship has seven neighbourhoods, an ice rink, a small golf course and a 750-seat outdoor amphitheatre. It has 2,700 cabins and can accommodate 6,300 passengers and 2,100 crew members.

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Raptors lose

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Orlando's Dwight Howard fronts a scramble for the ball underneath the net in first half action. The Toronto Raptors lost 125-116 to the Orlando Magic yesterday afternoon at the ACC.
More coverage, pages 3 & 22.

Popular demand

H1N1 shot requests shock officials

Flu Outbreak

Within 15 minutes, Laura Delves's two young sons were in their Etobicoke pediatrician's office, the H1N1 vaccine injected, tears dried, and out the door.

"We are really relieved that we were given an appointment, so we could do this in a civilized manner," Delves said yesterday morning in Etobicoke.

But it was a different story at public health clinics across Greater Toronto, where demand for the H1N1 vaccine continued to create daunting lines. As the city and province prepare to ramp up access to the vaccine — 10 public health clinics will be operating in Toronto today, and more family doctors will be giving out shots — amid an unexpected reduction in the supply of the drug, Canada's top public health officials are admitting they underestimated the demand.

"Three or four weeks ago, what we could not anticipate was the number of people that are interested," Dr. David Butler-Jones, the chief public health officer, told CTV's Question Period yesterday. But that was before the recent deaths of three Ontario children who caught H1N1 — another death is still unconfirmed — put a human face on the virus and galvanized worried Canadians to seek vaccinations for themselves and their families. The city's public health department has distributed almost 250,000 H1N1 flu vaccine doses to local hospitals and more than 100,000 to physicians' offices to reduce the lineups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Vaccine rollout

Dr. David Butler-Jones

- Ontario health officials say flu clinics will be doubled in the province for high priority groups and expect the vaccine rollout to run more smoothly this week.

Province to change insurance rules

AUTO Millions of Ontario drivers will face a series of choices when they renew their insurance coverage after the Liberal government introduces a package of regulation changes today aimed at keeping rates down, The Canadian Press has learned.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan will propose 40 different regulation changes for the auto insurance sector with a goal of giving consumers more options and flexibility to shop for lower rates, said a government source.

The province will not adopt a recommendation from the Financial Services Commission of Ontario to lower medical and rehabilitation benefits for non-catastrophic injuries to $25,000, said one source.

Instead, drivers will be given options to try and keep a lid on insurance rate increases, including allowing them to buy a package with a basic medical coverage limit lower than the current $100,000 minimum. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Other provinces

- Other provinces with privately delivered auto insurance provide basic medical and rehab coverage ranging from $10,000 to $50,000.

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Raptors night in Punjabi?

After the success of Punjabi Hockey Night in Canada, Parminder Singh and Harnarayan Singh will now call Raptors games in the language of north India.

"We did one Raptors game in March and the response was terrific," says Parminder. "It was even picked up for broadcast in California."

Starting Nov. 22, the two will call Raptors games televised Sunday on CBC. As with hockey, they'll air on Rogers, Bell and Shaw cable channels across the country.

In the meantime, the two announcers have to come up with a proper lexicon to describe NBA action. They want their call to be colourful and fast-paced — just like the game — and are sure they can pull it off, with assists to NBA sportscasters like Chuck Swirsky.

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Sportscasters Parminder Singh, left, and Harnarayan Singh in the press box at the ACC yesterday during the Raptors-Magic game.

Now the voice of the Chicago Bulls, Swirsky called Raptors games for a decade. A pet phrase was "Get out the salami and cheese mama, this ball game is over!"

Parminder will give this a Punjabi spin: "Bebe, bring out the dal and roti … this game's over." Dal is lentil and roti is flatbread, staples in an Indian meal. Bebe is a pet name for grandmothers in Punjabi.

By weaving in Punjabi phrases and terms, the two want to make viewing their Raptors broadcasts a family event.

It worked for hockey.

In its second season, Punjabi Hockey Night In Canada has a national audience of about 100,000, says Parminder. He believes numbers will be equally high for Raptors, the only NBA team in Canada.

According to the 2006 census, Punjabi is fourth among non-official languages used in Canada.

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Grade 4 kids to be taught money smarts

EDUCATION Ontario students will start learning money smarts as early as Grade 4, when Queen's Park rolls out a new financial literacy curriculum in September 2011.

Prompted by growing debt levels among Canadian youths and reckless personal spending habits that helped trigger the global credit crunch, the province will design lessons that can be worked into subjects up to Grade 12, said Education Minister Kathleen Wynne, who will announce the plan today in Toronto.

"The whole issue of how to manage money and risk is a really important concept — money and debt can become difficult issues in later life — but we can't assume families will discuss these things at home," said Wynne. "But we're not looking to create a new course; we want to build financial literacy into the existing curriculum."

The government will create a working group to pinpoint the core concepts to be covered, and will work with the non-profit Investor Education Fund to develop training for teachers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford workers accept new deal

CONTRACT Ford Canada employees have overwhelmingly endorsed a cost-cutting agreement reached with the automaker last week, the Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday. The agreement includes cuts to benefits, a reduction in vacation, break times and co-pays on health care, the same concessions given to Chrysler and General Motors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Union station contract
GO Transit has awarded a $196-million contract for Aecon Group Inc. to refurbish parts of the landmark Union Station. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shooting victim was 'a nice guy'

Police have identified a shooting victim who has become the city's 45th homicide victim of the year.

Richard Durant, who was in his 20s, died after a shooting early Saturday near Dupont Street and Ossington Ave nue.

His childhood friend, who only wanted to be named as Wilson, described Durant as "a nice guy trying to be a man."

Wilson said "a little scuffle broke out, buddy came back with a gun and shot him."

The suspect

- Police are looking for a suspect seen with a firearm. He is described as black with a medium complexion, in his mid-20s, five-foot-two to five-foot-four, with a thin build and a few days worth of beard. He was wearing a grey or dark hoodie, baggy jeans and dark runners.

Toronto police Det. Sgt. Gary Giroux said the shooting happened following a dispute between Durant and the armed suspect outside Tom's Café and Sports Bar, at 1146 Davenport Rd.

"We are receiving really good co-operation from the people inside the bar," Giroux said, adding that there were about 20 people inside at the time of the shooting.

Giroux said Durant, who leaves behind a wife and four-year-old son, was known to police in a minor way but he was not believed to be leading a high-risk criminal life.

A second victim was shot in the leg, but was later released from hospital.

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Land sale may be needed to pay for park

DOWNSVIEW When the former Downsview military base was closed 15 years ago, dreams of a sprawling, full-amenity green space on the scale of New York's Central Park danced in Toronto heads.

Today's plan for Downsview is more High Park-sized, as managers squeeze in ever more development to raise funds for creating Parc Downsview Park — not quite what residents had hoped would result from Ottawa's 1994 decision to turn over the land, but no cash, to create a "national urban park."

The plans included playing fields, a "lake," basketball, volleyball and squash courts, community allotment gardens, wooded areas and more. The budget for all of that: $76 million.

"We were originally promised a park, 100 per cent park, in perpetuity. And that changed," said Rino Cipolletta, president of the Downsview Lands Community Voice Association.

The latest proposal to pay for it, to be debated by city councillors early next year, would see up to 10,000 housing units built around the periphery of the former base, with revenues from land sales and leases paying to develop the park itself.

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News in brief

HST There may be some doubters in the Liberal ranks about tax harmonization, but that shouldn't stop Ontario from forging ahead with the controversial plan, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Some recommendations by Canadian privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart have been adopted by Facebook.

Facebook updates its privacy policy

Facebook has updated its privacy policy, with some changes based on recommendations filed by Canada's privacy commissioner.

Users are being given seven days to comment on the new policy document, which weighs in at more than 5,000 words.

In the policy, Facebook says it will not share users' personal information with advertisers without consent.

But the popular social networking website may display ads on a user's profile based on "anonymized" information users willingly share.

Facebook is also elaborating more on the differences between deactivating and deleting an account, and what happens to an account after a user has died, which were issues raised by privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart.

Deactivating an account will temporarily hide a user's information but will not remove it from Facebook's servers.

Deleting an account will permanently remove it from the site, although it may take as long as 90 days for the account to be removed from backed up data.

The privacy policy now discloses that a deceased user's account may become "memorialized" if requested by family or friends.

A memorialized account is only viewable by confirmed friends and is scaled back to remove some personal information.

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Man in serious condition after Queen West stabbing
A man was rushed to a trauma centre in serious condition after he was stabbed around 1 a.m. yesterday near Queen Street West and Manning Avenue. Police have not yet laid charges, and the man is expected to survive. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Youth may need extra dose of flu awareness

All-day lineups and fresh warnings of a looming shortage of vaccine have left Canada's public-health watchdogs with a daunting challenge: Convincing a skeptical Internet generation of the importance of the H1N1 flu shot.

If that public-relations effort is to successfully target one of the most vulnerable segments of the population, it must be aimed specifically at a younger demographic and make careful and extensive use of modern-day new-media tools, experts say.

Flu **Outbreak**

Ottawa faces a formidable communications dilemma – balancing the need to raise awareness of the flu vaccine without inciting panic, said Alan Middleton, marketing professor at York University's Schulich School of Business in Toronto.

The current marketing strategy, which is heavily dependent on traditional media like newspapers and television, is working for adults, but not for youth.

"You're dealing with a population that is not good at necessarily cognitively assessing risk," Middleton said in a telephone interview. A dictatorial message runs the risk of alienating youth either by making them fearful or by raising the spectre of a "Big Brother" figure interfering in their lives, Middleton said.

"This is a younger people's flu."
Dr. Tom Frieden

Canadians under the age of 21 should be told to get informed rather than to get vaccinated, and the message needs to be delivered primarily through modern media like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

The Public Health Agency of Canada is in the process of compiling a communications strategy for the immunization program, the largest in Canadian history. But there are no specific plans to target youth, a perplexing fact considering that younger Canadians are especially vulnerable. "This is a younger people's flu," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "In a usual flu season, 90 per cent of the deaths are among people over the age of 65. In H1N1, 90 per cent of the deaths are in people under the age of 65." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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More than 60 firefighters attended the scene of a four-alarm blaze in the Bayview Avenue and Lawrence Avenue area.

Four-alarm fire decimates historic home in north end

EMERGENCY Toronto Fire is still investigating the cause of four-alarm blaze that destroyed a historic building near Bayview and Lawrence avenues on Friday evening.

The fire marshal is investigating the fire at 3 Chedington Pl., but Captain David Eckerman said the damage is estimated at roughly $2 million.

They are also investigating the cause of a three-alarm blaze on Saturday that destroyed a two-story building and sent a firefighter to hospital.

There were reports of people inside the building, but no one was found inside, Eckerman said.

The firefighter was later released from the hospital after being treated for minor injuries.

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Judge OKs National Post move

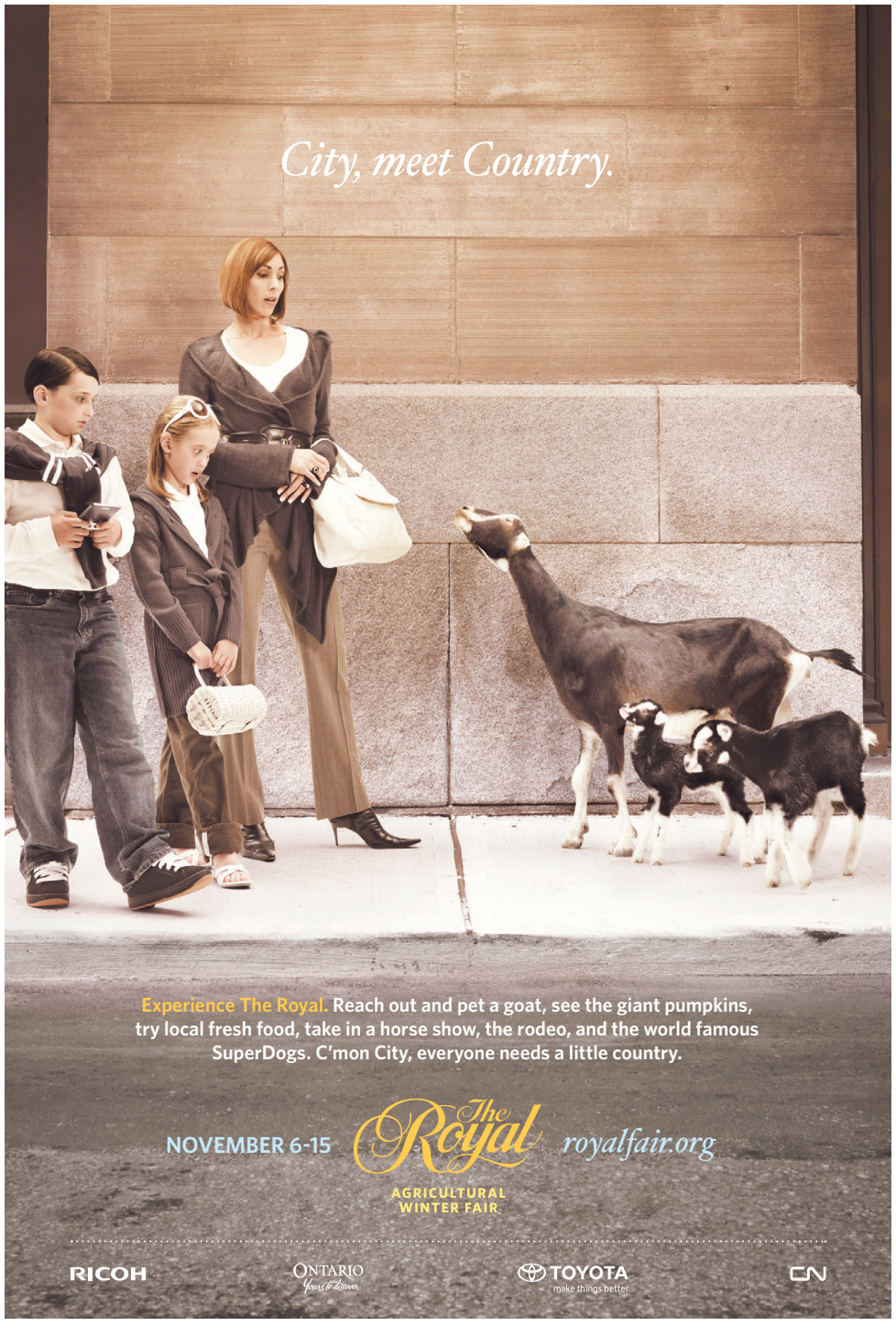
MEDIA An Ontario judge has allowed Canwest Global Communications to move its money-losing National Post into the division that runs its other papers, which Canwest says is its best hope of saving the newspaper.

Justice Sarah Pepall, who is overseeing Canwest's restructuring, allowed the move of the newspaper into the Canwest Limited Partnership after the company and its creditors reached a deal earlier this week. Canwest Limited Partnership is not among divisions of the company operating under court protection from creditors.

A lawyer for Canwest emphasized the urgency of the decision, saying it was essential to a successful restructuring of the whole company. Lyndon Barnes told the court that the National Post was also valuable to other Canwest newspapers, as each relies on the other for various operations, and ultimately saves the smaller papers cash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No takers

- On Friday, the court heard details about the struggle to find a buyer for the National Post. Another study found closing the Post and liquidating its assets would cost Canwest more than the company would make back.



Stolen truck smashes into Regina home

A Regina couple got the worst kind of wake-up call when a stolen truck smashed into their home. Police say the truck, which was hauling a boat, hit the house at about 2 a.m. Saturday. The damage to the house is extensive but no one was hurt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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133rd soldier killed in Afghanistan

Sapper Steven Marshall, left, from the 1st Combat Engineering Regiment based in Edmonton, was killed by an improvised explosive device that detonated near his dismounted patrol outside Kandahar City on Friday. The latest death brings to 133 the total number of Canadian soldiers who have died as part of the Afghan mission since it began in 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Incumbent grabs slight lead

Montreal race for mayor rocked by corruption allegations

Incumbent Gerald Tremblay and former Parti Québécois cabinet minister Louise Harel were locked in a tight battle as results kept pouring in from the Montreal mayoral election late last night.

With about one-third of polls reporting, Tremblay held a slight lead over his main challenger.

Dark horse Richard Bergeron, whose support surged in opinion polls late in the campaign, trailed his more established rivals.

Tremblay has been mayor since 2001.

Corruption dominated a campaign that saw little of the usual rhetoric about municipal issues such as transit and property taxes.

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mayor Gerald Tremblay casts his ballot in the Montreal municipal elections yesterday.

Instead, Canada's second-biggest city reverberated with allegations of dealings between the Mafia, construction companies and politicians.

Voters turned out in more than 800 municipalities across the province, including Quebec City where incumbent Regis Labeaume secured a crushing victory.

Tremblay told media gathered at a polling station he was confident of winning a third mandate.

Harel, who promised to take a broom to corrupt practices at city hall, then saw her own party get swept up in the scandal, says she thinks Montrealers are ready for change.

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Mistranslation may be sending Afghans to jail: Former adviser

MILITARY Innocent Afghans may have inadvertently been labelled as Taliban militants and sent to jail because of mistakes by Canadian military translators, says a former cultural adviser who served in Kandahar.

Military commanders and troops on the ground are routinely at the mercy of their translators, who provide oral and written translations of Dari and Pashto, Afghanistan's two official languages.

Malgarai, an Afghan-Canadian man who spent 13 months with the military, said he personally witnessed at least two incidents where innocent people were condemned because the translator spoke the wrong language — or couldn't fully understand what was said.

In both cases, he says, he intervened to stop the prisoners from being handed over to the National Directorate of Security, the notorious Afghan intelligence service accused of using torture.

Back home after his tour, he claims to have written a 15-page memo for National Defence, but says his concerns were ignored.

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B.C. house party ends in tragedy
A woman is dead and a man is in hospital with serious injuries after a double shooting at a house party in B.C.'s Lower Mainland. Police were called to the house in Surrey early Saturday morning, where they found both people suffering from gunshot wounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marijuana patients owe $1.2 million

Health Canada is getting tough with patients who use government-certified medical marijuana, demanding full payment in advance before shipping the weed.

The move, effective Nov. 30, is designed to force more patients to pay off old debts that now total more than $1.2 million.

"This change to a purchase-in-advance system will streamline the order and payment process and will prevent further increases to the debt load of the department," says a recent Health Canada letter issued to users.

More than 4,600 people in Canada are licensed to use medical marijuana to treat a wide range of conditions, including chronic pain.

Several court rulings forced a reluctant Health Canada to get into the marijuana business in 2003 so that bona fide patients would not have to rely on the black market for supplies.

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News in brief

ARREST Two Ontario men wanted by the FBI for alleged involvement in a radical Islamic group were arrested in Windsor, Ont., days after the group's alleged leader was killed in a shootout with the FBI. Mohammad Al-Sahli, 33, and Yassir Ali Khan, 30, were arrested Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadians still back Obama: Poll

Barack Obama's honeymoon with the public isn't over yet — at least not in Canada. Two in three people surveyed for the latest Canadian Press/Harris Decima poll said they believe the U.S. president is doing an excellent or good job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec stiffed on stimulus: Analysis

POLITICS Stimulus money earmarked for Quebec is only trickling down to communities in the province, while other provinces are awash in federal funds, an analysis by The Canadian Press shows.

Haggling among three levels of government has dramatically slowed the flow of construction and jobs, prompting municipal leaders to ask for an extension of the two-year deadline set by Ottawa.

"We're wasting time," said Bernard Genereux, the president of the Federation of Quebec Municipalities and mayor of St-Prime, Que. "It's punishing municipalities. It's preventing us from getting to work. We're losing the first year of the program."

"We're wasting time. It's punishing municipalities."
Bernard Genereux, mayor, St-Prime, Que.

Pressure is now mounting on Ottawa to relax its two-year limit on much of the stimulus spending.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

STRIKE Picket lines will be going up at McMaster University in Hamilton this morning after CUPE local 3906 rejected the university's latest contract offer for teaching assistants and research assistants. The university says the union also rejected a request to take the offer to the union membership for a vote.

RESCUE The search for three missing miners went into high gear last night as extra pumps were brought in to help with the removal of water from the flooded lower levels of a gold mine shaft at the Bachelor Lake facility in Desmaraisville, Que., where the three men went missing two days ago.

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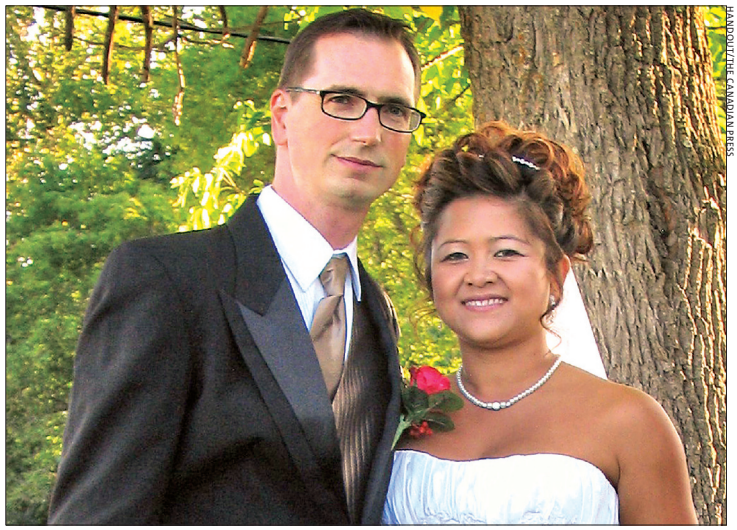
Biological sister denied visa

NDP's Chow says anecdotes show system 'unfair ... cruel'

When Panita Chumchantha decided to tie the knot this past September, she wanted her Thai roots represented at her Canadian wedding.



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Newlyweds Kristopher Moran and his wife Panita Chumchantha are shown in a handout photo.

The 31-year-old, who was adopted by a Canadian family years ago, longed to have her biological sister fly over from Thailand for her special day. But the wish went unfulfilled: Her sister was denied a visitor visa by Canadian officials in Bangkok.

"They just said she was not a member of my family anymore," Chumchantha said. "I just wanted her to come for my ceremony, and then they refused it."

Shocked and frustrated, Chumchantha and her fiancé pressed on with the wedding despite the bride's Thai side being noticeably absent.

"I'm really upset about it," she said. "It's just one day in my life."

Such emotional anecdotes are why NDP immigration critic Olivia Chow is pushing Ottawa to put in place an appeals process for those who feel wronged by Canada's visitor visa system.

"There's a lot of unfair stories," said Chow, the MP for the Toronto riding of Trinity-Spadina, who has heard countless tales of family members unable to attend weddings, funerals or births in Canada because a temporary resident visa, or visitor visa, was denied, with no opportunity for recourse.

"For families that cannot come together for those special moments, I think that's exceedingly cruel."

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Audit pans Canadian embassy in Cuba

About 900,000 Canadians travel to Cuba each year, making it the number five winter holiday destination for Canucks. But tourists heading there this winter may want to think twice about visiting the Canadian embassy in Havana.

According to a new audit, the overcrowded, crumbling two-storey building, which Canada has leased from the Cuban government since 1962, has failed to provide basic privacy or security, resulted in at least one incident of assault on a consular staff member.

While Rodney Moore, a spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Department said "the safety and security of Canadians visiting the embassy in Cuba is not a concern," he did acknowledge that the section of the embassy that provides consular services is a scene of regular confrontations.

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A view of the Canadian embassy in Havana, Cuba.

However, he did note that $3 million in renovations, including construction of a privacy booth, are being completed. Because Cuba is a cash-based society, the auditors also noted that embassy employees must transfer large numbers of bank notes to and from the local bank, putting these staff at greater risk.

The embassy's 80 guards are paid with cash-stuffed envelopes, all of which are given to the head guard to distribute, a practice, the auditors say not only places the head guard at risk, but also places him in a position of power over his colleagues.

As a result of the audit, a security committee has been reactivated and an evacuation plan drawn up should Canadian citizens need to be quickly removed from Cuba due to a rapidly deteriorating security situation.

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Flu scare greets Charles at start of Canada visit

ROYAL VISIT Today, Prince Charles and Camilla begin an 11-day coast-to-coast visit, amid a swine flu scare that has affected the couple's welcome ceremony.

A Newfoundland children's choir cancelled its performance after several members developed flu-like symptoms.

Charles' visit is also up against as much cynicism as enthusiasm. The radical sovereigntist group the Reseau de Resistance du Quebecois warned Charles to stay out of Quebec or face protests due to an historical laundry list of alleged British offenses.

Tour highlights

- Over the next 11 days, Prince Charles and Camilla will stop in Newfoundland, Toronto, Victoria, Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa.

But Robert Finch, dominion chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada, defended the future king, saying, "he was an environmentalist long before it was the in-thing to be green, the man who really helped legitimize the idea of organic farming."

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World

Hero's welcome for Clinton in Kosovo

Thousands of ethnic Albanians braved low temperatures and a cold wind in Kosovo's capital to welcome former U.S. president Bill Clinton yesterday as he attended the unveiling of a 3.5-metre statue of himself on a boulevard that also bears his name. Clinton is celebrated as a hero by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority for launching NATO's bombing campaign against Yugoslavia in 1999 that stopped the brutal Serb crackdown on independence-seeking ethnic Albanians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

PAKISTAN Security forces fighting their way through a mountainous Taliban stronghold killed at least seven militants yesterday and injured several more, officials said. As part of the Pakistani government's ramping-up of its fight against the militants, it will offer bounties of up to $600,000 US for each of the top three Taliban leaders, according to an official advertisement to be published today in newspapers and obtained by The Associated Press.

SPAIN A landslide has killed at least two people and may have buried more on the popular vacation island of Tenerife in the Canary Islands, officials said yesterday. A 40-metre stretch of cliff collapsed onto a small beach close to the western tip of the island off the northwest coast of Africa, an Interior Ministry spokesman said. A newspaper said the bodies of two unidentified women were recovered in the debris.

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Karzai's challenger quits

Afghan President Hamid Karzai was effectively handed a second five-year term yesterday when his only challenger dropped out of the race.

U.S. President Barack Obama has been waiting for a new government in Kabul to announce whether he will send tens of thousands of new troops to Afghanistan. The war has intensified, and October was the deadliest month of the eight-year war for American forces.

Former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah announced his decision to quit six days before the runoff election, after last-minute talks led by the U.S. and United Nations failed to produce a power-sharing agreement acceptable to Karzai, according to a Western diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Afghanistan's presidential challenger Abdullah Abdullah yesterday announces his decision not to participate in the runoff vote.

In an emotional speech, Abdullah told supporters that he could not accept an runoff led by the same Karzai-appointed election commission that managed the fraud-marred vote in August. The runoff was set for Nov. 7 after UN-backed auditors annulled nearly a third of Karzai's votes as fakes.

"I will not participate in the Nov. 7 election," Abdullah said, because a "transparent election is not possible."

Senior Obama adviser David Axelrod said most polls showed Abdullah would have lost the runoff anyway, "so we are going to deal with the government that is there."

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Karzai's brother

- President Hamid Karzai's brother says he passed information to Canadian sources about the location of IEDs in Afghanistan. Ahmed Wali Karzai was named in media reports earlier this week as a paid CIA informant. The reports also alleged he benefited from the drug trade and was involved in vote rigging. Karzai says Canadians are among those who benefit from the intelligence he gathers as head of the Kandahar provincial council.

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Pot causing a stir in Britain

LONDON Two more drug advisers to the British government have stepped down amid an increasingly heated debate over the country's marijuana policy. The resignation of chemist Les King and clinical director Marion Walker from the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs follows the ouster of the group's chairman, who was forced to step down after speaking out against the government's decision to tighten restrictions on marijuana.

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Talks aim to thaw frosty relations

Britain's Foreign Secretary David Miliband has arrived in Russia for a two-day visit. Relations have been strained since the 2006 killing of Alexander Litvinenko who was poisoned in London. Russia has refused to surrender the main suspect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SAUDI ARABIA Saudi authorities have announced the discovery of large quantities of weapons belonging to al-Qaida, in the capital Riyadh. The official Saudi Press Agency quoted an Interior Ministry spokesperson yesterday as saying the discovery included 281 assault rifles and 51 ammunition boxes, buried in an empty rest house. In the past, the terror network has called for attacks on the kingdom's oil facilities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hate crimes suspect held

JERUSALEM Israeli authorities have arrested a Jewish-American extremist suspected of carrying out a series of high-profile hate crimes, security officials said yesterday.

Police and Shin Bet security forces say Jack Teitel, a 37-year-old ultra-Orthodox Jewish West Bank settler, and father of four was behind the killing of two Arabs, the targeting of a peace activist and an attack on a breakaway Jewish sect over a period of 12 years.

A joint police and Shin Bet operation nabbed Teitel earlier this month and he confessed, police said.

In his most noted attack, Teitel is accused of sending a booby-trapped gift basket to a family of American messianic Jews in Israel. The explosion seriously wounded their 15-year-old son, severing two toes.

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U.S. elections hint at Obama power in 2010

Mood of country may be felt tomorrow

U.S. President Barack Obama isn't on the ballot this year. Neither are all members of Congress, nor most governors.

But to varying degrees, the outcome of a few disparate elections tomorrow could provide clues about how people feel about the country, the president and the party in power one year after Democrats won the White House and strengthened their majorities in Congress.

The results also could provide important lessons for Democrats and Republicans a year before the first major electoral test of Obama's strength: The 2010 mid-term elections, when there are 37 races for governor, at least 36 in the Senate and all 435 in the House of Representatives. This year, Virginia and New Jersey are choosing governors, voters in upstate New York and northern California are deciding who should fill two vacant congressional seats, and New York City and Atlanta are picking mayors. Maine will vote on whether to permit gay marriage while Ohio will choose whether to allow casinos.

People are voting on local issues and personalities, but this much is clear: Tomorrow will give a picture of public attitudes and measure which party has energy on its side heading into a high-stakes election year.

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U.S. President Barack Obama waves as he leaves the White House yesterday.

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6 bodies at rapist's home all female: Coroner

CLEVELAND The coroner's office in Cleveland says six unidentified bodies found in the home of a convicted rapist were all female homicide victims. At least four apparently had been strangled. Two others were too decomposed to determine the cause of death.

The first bodies were found Thursday night when police went to Anthony Sowell's home to arrest him on a new rape charge.

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Reasons to love November

HineSight

Anne Hines

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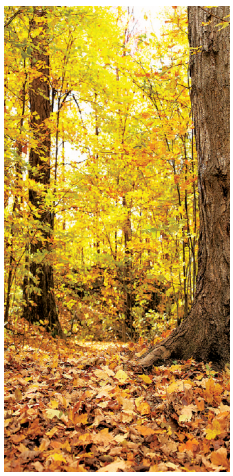
A couple years ago my partner Liz and I had a really big fight. And, like most really big fights, it was about a really small thing.

We were choosing new carpeting for the hallway. Liz wanted a shade called 'vanilla.' I said this was a ridiculous choice.

I insisted on 'toasted almond. Truthfully, I'm not sure the difference between these two colours was visible to the naked eye.

That didn't keep us from standing over the rolled up remains of our old carpet (an entirely different shade called, I think, 'beige') screaming, "Vanilla! Vanilla!"

And "Toasted Almond!



Toasted Almond!"

There's only one thing that can turn two reasonable, happily married people into raving harpies.

It was November. Come these dark, dismal days of late fall, we human beings get testy.

Appropriately, Nov. 2 in Catholic tradition is Holy Souls day, dedicated to remembering "souls in purgatory."

That means "people stuck on the bus on Nov. 2 in the rain heading to a staff budget meeting."

And, on Nov. 2 goalie Jacques Plante wore the first goalie mask in the NHL. I don't know the significance of that. Maybe it's "He just couldn't face November."

Nov. 2 is also national adoption day.

I used to get pretty excited about that until I realized it didn't mean someone was going to take my kids for twenty-four hours.

If we're going to make it through the month with anyone still talking to us, we need help. So here are:

Five Reasons to Love November:

1. It's a well-known fact that calories consumed during November don't count. OK, I made that up, but admit it, you felt better for a minute.

2. November has fascinating trivia attached to it. For instance, the month of November and the month of March both begin on the same day of the week. You heard it here.

3. There are no holidays this month that require you to cook someone dinner or buy them gifts, cards or chocolates. Mind you, there are no holidays that require someone else to do that for you either. Never a perfect world, eh?.

4. It's finally possible to get that really great table on your favorite outdoor patio. Getting served there may be more difficult.

5. It's not February.

If you know another reason to love November, e-mail me and I'll share them in a future column.

'Till then, remember these words of wisdom, "Those who value peace, choose their carpet colour in June."

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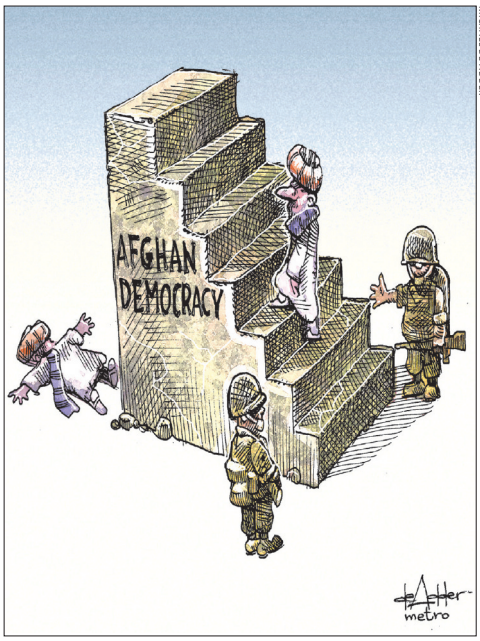

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Worth mentioning

Chilean draftees encouraged to confess their military crimes

Hundreds of former military draftees rallying outside Chile's presidential palace were asked yesterday to come forward and reveal crimes they committed and witnessed during Gen. Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship.

The draftees have long feared that if they name names and reveal where bodies are buried, they will face prosecution by the courts or retaliation by those who ordered them to torture and kill.

But now the information they once promised to carry to their graves has become both a heavy psychological burden and a bargaining chip. By offering confessions, some of these now-aging men believe they can improve their chances of getting government pensions and mental health care.

Chilean security forces killed 3,186 people during the dictatorship, including 1,197 who were made to disappear, according to an official count.

In nearly two decades of democracy since then, less than 8 per cent of the disappeared have been found.

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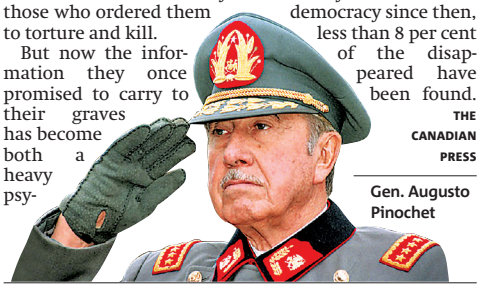

Gen. Augusto Pinochet

Views

Expect another TTC fare increase in New Year

InTransit

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Effective New Year's Day I'm betting TTC riders will see tokens and Metropasses rise in cost, along with student and senior tickets. And although relatively few people pay single fares, the current $2.75 cash price could hit $3.

"What, another hike?" you exclaim. Fares have risen six times in the last decade, with tokens going up — on average — a nickel annually. It was about a year ago, just as the economy went awry, that Mayor David Miller told riders there would be a fare freeze through 2009. However there is too much pressure on TTC finances to expect a repeat in 2010.

My prediction is only that — and I'd actually like to be wrong. But holding the line on fares means either City Hall, Queen's Park or Ottawa must provide extra cash, even as their deficits balloon out of control.

If there is a hike, New Year's Day is a likely date. The TTC board would need to approve price changes at its meeting of Nov. 17, barring major political manoeuvring. Last week the commission voted to pare back its capital budget. The city councillors who oversee the TTC agreed to postpone or slow down a long list of projects — not including basic maintenance or the high-profile subway and light rail expansions that have been announced this year.

Hard numbers

- For those who want to back up their views with hard numbers, check out web.me.com/bob_brent — you'll find useful charts by a knowledgeable former TTC manager.

Transit chair Adam Giambrone tells In Transit he does not predict service cuts will be used to counter shortfalls in the operating budget. To me, this makes fare hikes inevitable — the only question is how much.

Back in September, the TTC appeared to be preparing us for a big hike in the Metropass price when it singled out the monthly pass as a money drain. In late 2007 the Metropass rose from just under a hundred dollars to $109 — a 9 per cent increase. That was too much. Riders should soon have a clearer picture of what to expect. Later this week the TTC may update the media on the transit system's budget needs. Fare hikes usually get heavy coverage as riders feel caught off guard — so maybe it's time to talk about predictable fare increases, similar to GO Transit. Why not raise TTC fares once a year — roughly at the rate of inflation? Tell me your opinion at metronews.ca/intransit.

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Duo's got super freaky theories

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

The followup to the bestseller Freakonomics — the aptly named Superfreakonomics — has barely hit the shelves, but it has already caused a whirlwind of controversy on the worldwide blogosphere.

Part of that debate has to do with one particular chapter on Al Gore, which is usually referred to as the Global Cooling chapter. Journalist Stephen Dubner, one half of the feisty writing duo which includes Steven Levitt, explains himself to Metro.

"I would never call myself a climate expert. Our first book was prominent, a bit of fun. Like whacking a piñata and seeing what comes out. I'm not a Sumo wrestler, nor a member of the Klu Klux Klan, nor a prostitute. There's this idea that you have to be in guild to comment on a situation," says Dubner.

"I don't know why everyone keeps calling it the Global Cooling chapter (The correct title being What do Al Gore and Mount Pinatubo have in common) ... There's been so much controversy surrounding our 'green' chapter simply due to the fact this is an industry with huge amounts at stake."

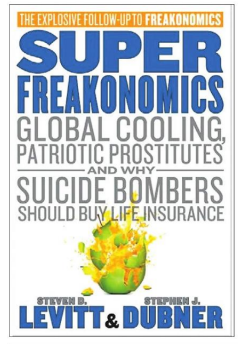
At the very beginning of the chapter, Dubner and Levitt do a backflip to the 1970s, when headlines were warning not of global warming, but of global cooling. That the situation could have so changed in the space of 40 years is surprising, and the two lead us into theories to cool the earth, which rather refreshingly, focus on something other than greenhouse gases.

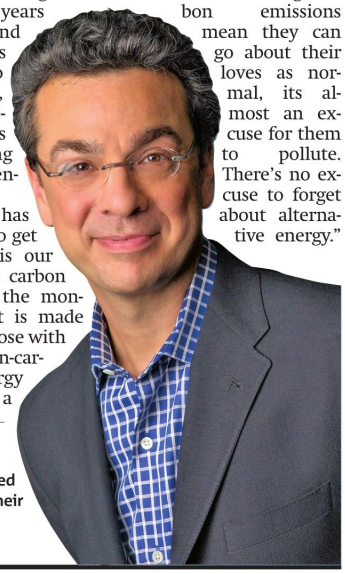
"What has caused people to get most agitated is our suggestion that carbon dioxide is not the monstrous villain it is made out to be."
Stephen Dubner

"What has caused people to get most agitated is our suggestion that carbon dioxide is not the monstrous villain it is made out to be. For those with interests in non-carbon energy sources, there is a lot at stake both politically and financially in this statement," explains Dubner.

What Dubner and Levitt mainly focus on is the idea of geo engineering, finding ways to cool down the planet other than preventing climate change via cutting carbon emissions.

"We're heading towards cataclysm and carbon mitigation alone is not enough," explains Dubner. "The problem today is that people think that the global efforts made towards cutting carbon emissions mean they can go about their loves as normal, its almost an excuse for them to pollute. There's no excuse to forget about alternative energy."





Stephen Dubner, right, and Steven Levitt have returned with a sequel to their bestseller, Freakonomics.

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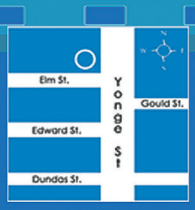

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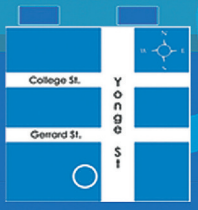

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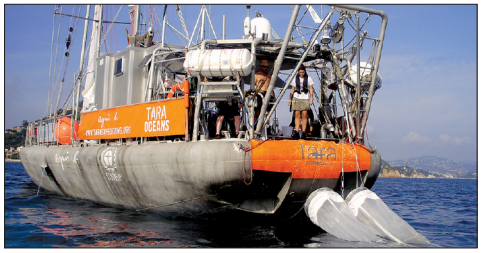

The Tara schooner recently kicked off its 150,000-km expedition to study ocean plankton and their effect on global climate.

In pursuit of plankton

Expedition aims to unlock mystery of ocean organisms

NADIA LODDO
Metro World News

Science takes time. Patience. Stamina.

In the middle of the Mediterranean, the schooner Tara is at the beginning of a three-year odyssey around the world: A 150,000 km long expedition to explore the invisible world of the oceans.

"Ninety per cent of the biological mass of the oceans is made of plankton," explains Spanish marine biology researcher Silvia Acinas, scientific co-ordinator for Tara. "These organisms are responsible for absorbing 50 per cent of the CO2 emissions on the Earth and producing 50 per cent of the oxygen we breathe but we only know one per cent of them: This expedition is about discovering the remaining 99 per cent."

The uncertainty of current climate models has a great deal to do with this unknown life.

As a matter of fact, oceans are the major factor influencing climate, as they work as carbon pumps to a greater extent than rainforests do.

Every other day, the boat stops for a twelve-hour scientific station — pumping, filtering, sorting and labelling. The five researchers on board usually have a long day during this exercise. Over a thousand litres of sea water are pumped on board and filtered in the wet lab to separate the different kind of sea plankton: Viruses, bacteria and protista.

At the back of the boat, the oceanographic winch allows to sample the sea water up to 2,500 metres of depth, thanks to the special Niskin bottles.

"They are very ingenious because their lids can be closed at a given depth taking samples at an exact point of interest," explains French ocean engineer Hervé Le Goff.

The Tara Oceans expedition is sponsored by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The 34-metre schooner has a mythical past: It was designed and sailed by the French explorer Jean-Louis Etienne, then by sir Peter Blake, and now under the command of Etienne Bourgois, CEO of the French designer company Agnès B.

The expedition costs 2.5 million euros for its logistics alone.

"But the Earth is priceless," says Bourgois, whose Tara Foundation accounts for a great part of the budget.

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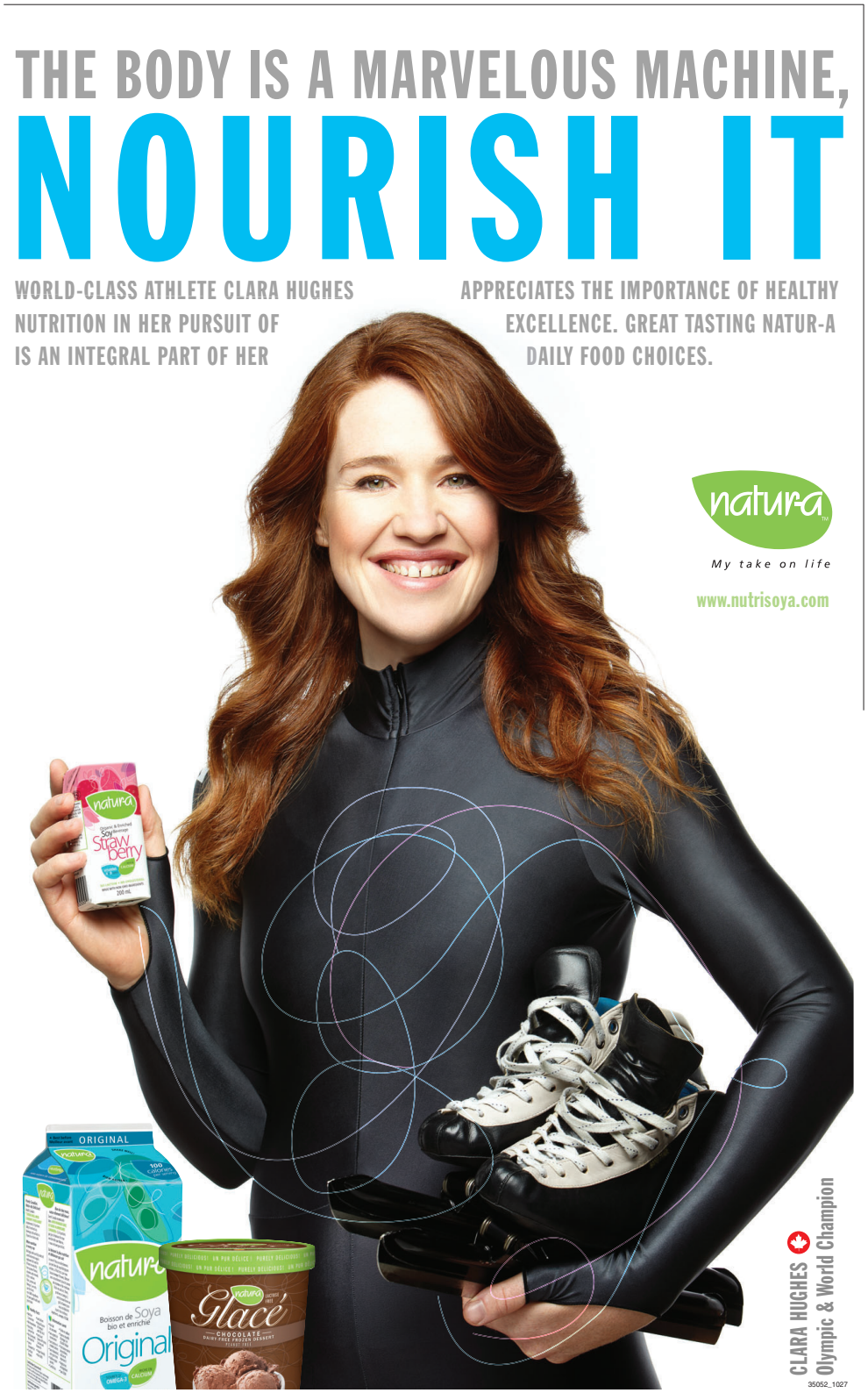

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Lender CIT Group has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, a potential blow to the thousands of small and mid-sized businesses in the U.S. that rely on the company for loans to keep their operations afloat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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TSX dip could spur surge

Slide in stock market may be seen as a buying opportunity

Investors will be looking to see if last week's slide on the Toronto stock market will turn out to be another buying opportunity for those looking for an entry point or the start of a long-awaited correction.

The main S&P/TSX composite index slid 4.14 per cent last week, taking the market to its first monthly loss since February, before a rally that ultimately pushed the TSX up well over 50 per cent from the lows of early March.

The drop also came amid news that the Canadian economy unexpectedly shrank by 0.1 per cent during August, following a flat performance in July.

"I think the market was getting a little bit fatigued," said Steve Uzielli, director portfolio advisory group, portfolio manager at ScotiaMcLeod.

The market is being selective and has to have more impressive catalysts to take the market to the next level."
Steve Uzielli, ScotiaMcLeod

"The market is being selective and has to have more impressive catalysts to take the market to a new level."

Most of the losses were racked up in the final week of trading. By the middle of last week, the TSX was down six per cent on four consecutive losing days as worries increased about the U.S. economic rebound in the wake of data showing sliding consumer confidence and lower than expected home sales. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ford workers reject contract?

UNION Ford Motor Co. workers have overwhelmingly rejected contract changes that would have allowed the automaker to cut labour costs, leaving Ford at a disadvantage to its Detroit rivals as it continues its struggle to return to profitability.

The United Auto Workers union had given local unions until today to complete voting. But a person briefed on the voting said Saturday that the contract changes have been rejected by large margins. The person asked not to be named because the UAW hasn't announced the results yet.

The UAW and Ford agreed to the contract several weeks ago, but Ford workers needed to ratify them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tobacco group upset over new Canadian law

BURLEY Tobacco advocates are seething over a new Canadian law they claim will snuff out sales of cigarettes packed with U.S. burley, and they are fighting back to protect their export sales.

They are asking U.S. trade officials to take their complaints to the World Trade Organization, hoping to pressure the Canadians into protecting burley from the tobacco crackdown.

The Canadian law is meant to curtail youth smoking in part by banning the sale of tobacco scented with fruit and candy flavours. U.S. tobacco supporters complain that the law overreached to cover burley, which is laced with flavours to smooth its harsh taste. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan Nintendo's profit plunges

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Nintendo president Satoru Iwata addresses a press conference Friday. Nintendo said its first-half fiscal profit plunged and forecast annual earnings would fall for the first time in six years.

Business in brief

RECOVERY U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says the U.S. economic recovery "could be a little choppy" and it's going to take a while. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vettel wins Abu Dhabi GP

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix yesterday, and teammate Mark Webber hung on for second to give the team a one-two finish. Brawn GP driver Jenson Button was third. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Serena beats sister again

Serena Williams, left, beat older sister Venus again yesterday, winning 6-2, 7-6 (4) in the season-ending Sony Ericsson Championships final in Doha, Qatar. It was Serena's fourth straight win over her sister. She also beat Venus in the round-robin stage of the Doha tournament, the Wimbledon final and the semifinals in Miami this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Raptors lose to Hedo's old team

Vince Carter sits out game at ACC

NBA RESULT

Orlando 125 **Toronto** 116

Orlando Magic AT Toronto Raptors

This wasn't quite the reception Hedo Turkoglu had hoped the Toronto Raptors would give his former Orlando teammates.

Jameer Nelson scored 30 points, while J.J. Redick added a career-high 27 to lead the Magic to a 125-116 win yesterday over Toronto, Turkoglu's first game against his former team since the July trade that landed him in Toronto.

"It was good to see them, but I wanted a different way to send them home," said Turkoglu, who helped the Magic to the NBA finals last season.

Chris Bosh had 35 points and 16 rebounds to top Toronto (1-2), while Andrea Bargnani finished with 26 points. Turkoglu, the key piece of a four-team, eight player off-season trade, added 19 points, and Jose Calderon finished with 10.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic (3-0), who were playing without former Raptors star Vince Carter. Ryan Anderson finished with 20 points, while Matt Barnes had 12 points, nine boards and six steals.

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NFL Favre's return to Lambeau

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Minnesota quarterback Brett Favre is surrounded by Green Bay defensive players during his return to Lambeau Field yesterday. Favre threw for 244 yards and four touchdowns against his former team as the Vikings beat the Packers 38-26 in Green Bay.

Sports in brief

HOCKEY Former NHL MVP Peter Forsberg is making a comeback with the Sweden national team for the Karjala Cup. Sweden coach Bengt-Ake Gustafsson says Forsberg will join the team for the Euro Hockey Tour event starting Thursday.

MARATHON Meb Keflezighi yesterday become the first American man to win the New York City Marathon since 1982. Paula Keating of Miramichi, N.B., was the top Canadian woman, finishing 43rd in 2:58.02. Edmonton's Krissy Dooling followed in 49th at 2:58.39. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Defenceman in hospital after hit

OHL Kitchener Rangers defenceman Ben Fanelli remained in hospital yesterday in critical but stable condition after suffering a frightening injury during an Ontario Hockey League game.

A statement posted to the team's website said there has been no official change in Fanelli's condition.

The 16-year-old suffered skull and facial fractures during Friday night's 4-0 win over the visiting Erie Otters and was airlifted to a Hamilton hospital.

Fanelli was checked into the end boards by Erie's Michael Liambas and his head went hard into the glass, sending his helmet up in the air.

Fanelli then fell to the ice and a pool of blood from the cut on his face formed under his head.

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Stalberg tallies 4 points
Viktor Stalberg scored twice and drew two assists as the Toronto Marlies beat Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 4-2 yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shoulder's two lives

Phil Kessel could debut soon, but needs to be careful

Shoulders aren't like cats. They only get two lives.

So for now, he should be fine, but if Phil Kessel tears the labrum in his left shoulder a second time, he'll be prone to more shoulder problems — such as dislocations — later in his career.

"You're never quite the same (after the first surgery), but he's pretty close," said Dr. Ivan Wong, an orthopedic surgeon and assistant professor at McMaster University specializing in sports medicine. "(A second injury) makes it more difficult to repair the second time around."

Phil Kessel

Kessel, cleared for contact last week, may return to the struggling-but-getting-better Leaf lineup as early as tomorrow — 12 days ahead of the date initially targeted.

Kessel underwent successful left shoulder surgery on May 21 at Massachusetts General Hospital to repair a torn rotator cuff and labrum. Dr. Peter Asnis and Dr. J.P. Warner performed the procedure, but declined interview requests.

Wong has not examined Kessel, but has followed the case and believes Kessel will be fine.

"With high-end athletes, we fix them right away," said Wong. "The outcomes are very good. They do very well. Numbers vary to between 90- and 95- per cent success rate. It's quite optimistic." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A.J. to start Game 5 on short rest

BASEBALL A.J. Burnett will start Game 5 of the World Series for the New York Yankees on three days' rest tonight.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi chose Game 2 winner Cliff Lee over Chad Gaudin and could start Andy Pettitte on short rest in Game 6 if the Series returns to New York.

Burnett beat Pedro Martinez in Game 2 and is 4-0 with a 2.33 ERA in four career starts on short rest.

Game 2 winner Cliff Lee pitches Game 5 for the defending champion Phillies.

He has a 0.54 ERA on four post-season starts. New York is seeking its first title since 2000 and leads the Series 2-1 before last night's game.

According to STATS, no team has won the Series using just three post-season starters since the 1991 Minnesota Twins.

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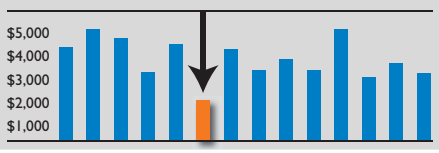

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More diversity in student population at Maritime universities

According to figures released last week by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, the student population in the region's universities is becoming increasingly diverse, with the number grads from outside the region increasing by eight per cent over five years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Lack of second-language training

While some universities in Canada offer second-language courses, "there is a definite lack of more intensive second-language training opportunities," according to a study released last week by the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages. One recommendation is for all levels of governments to set up a new fund to provide financial assistance to universities for new initiatives to improve second-language learning opportunities. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Toys 'R' Us names 'Chief Play Officer'

Daniel M.P. Wilson is not your typical corporate executive. He has the charm, work ethic and firm handshake. He even likes golf. But he also has tons of math homework and braces on his teeth.

The Uxbridge 13-year-old recently landed a dream job: "Chief play officer" for Toys "R" Us Canada. The brown-eyed budding actor gets to play for a living — at least when he's not at school, on the hockey rink, singing at the piano or acting in community theatre.

Daniel is one of two appointments made in Canada to mark the toy chain's 25th anniversary here. He's got the title for English Canada while 13-year-old Laurie-Kim Gosselin of Mastouche, Que., has the job in French Canada.

Here's a profile of the new recruit a month into his one-year term.

Mission: To give his grownup colleagues The Kid Perspective and help parents wade through the toy jungle. "I'm the person who lets the adults know what the hot toys are this season."

Priorities: Talking up toys with kids and adult shoppers; announcing top picks for the holidays.

How: On Facebook and his blog. How else do teens communicate? But he's also an adolescent boy who talks in full sentences. Stay tuned for personal appearances.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Playing with toys is are all part of a day's work for Toys "R" Us chief play officer Daniel Wilson, 13.

How he landed the job: Responded to a call for 13-year-olds that went out to performing arts agencies. (That's the legal age for using Facebook.) Beat out 100 other applicants thanks to his energy, personality and creativity with toys.

Experience: Thirteen years of toy training and playing with three brothers.

Employment History: "I babysat my little brother over the summer."

Chief Adviser: His eight-year-old brother Jonathan.

Workspace: Family room with comfy couches, chocolate-coloured walls and a picture window overlooking a sprawling backyard.

Workday Attire: Plaid shirt over a white T-shirt and jeans.

Hours: The Grade 9 student gets up at 5:30 a.m. for a power breakfast of waffles and syrup to catch the long ride on public transit to his Oshawa school. Hits the sack by 9 p.m. on weekdays.

Favourite Toys: Diplomats don't name names. But Lego and Spider-Man rank right up there.

Least Favourite: "I haven't encountered a toy I don't like." Crafts are good. He won't even diss Barbie (he's played with girl cousins).

Earliest Toy Memories: Wooden dinosaur puzzle; building with Duplo. At age 6, he asked for an Easy Bake Oven "and I thought it was the coolest thing."

Remuneration: Undisclosed salary. "I'm not really allowed to discuss the terms of my contract."

Bonus: Extremely low risk of boredom.

> **"I haven't encountered a toy I don't like."**
> Toys "R" Us Chief Play Officer Daniel Wilson

Inside Scoop on the New Hire: "It's taking our brand positioning one step further," says company vice-president Liz MacDonald. Appointing play officers reinforces "we're all about kids."

Outside Scoop: "It's a gimmick," says New York toy industry analyst Christopher Byrne. "I think it's for the cute factor."

The Last Word: "My feet really haven't touched the ground since I got this job," says Daniel.

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Sales networking and job networking are not the same thing: Author

BookReview

Highly Effective Networking

Author: Orville Pierson
Publisher: Career Press, 249 pages
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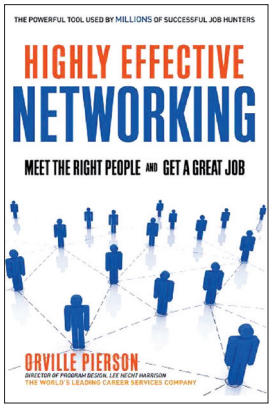
Being a recruiter who's specialized in the marketing space, I am constantly shocked at how few people take advantage of networking to find a job.

Orville Pierson, the author of Highly Effective Networking echoes this sentiment but suggests that its possible that the majority of the books out there cater to folks who are looking to become "power networkers." He also insinuates that networking for business is different to job hunt networking.

Though much of Pierson's book is common sense, I think it shines a light on the fact that many of us disregard some of the basic tools we have at hand to find a job.



"This book is about finding, comfortable, honest, and effective ways to use the network you already have to find a great new job," says Pierson.

At the end of the day Pierson puts a forth a straightforward plan. I agree that this is often lacking with the talent who approach me for work, they know they need to network, but not necessarily how. Pierson's book is a good tool to show you how to decide on a networking strategy, prepare for it, talk to the right people and land the job.

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Workology in brief

SKILLED-TRADES SHORTAGE According to a recent study by the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, there is a Canada-wide shortage of skilled tradespeople. Projections across the country estimate that beginning in 2003 and continuing through to 2015, there will be 913,000 skilled trade job openings. With more than 200 skilled trades in Canada, with particular shortages in the automotive service/repair and electrical and plumbing fields, there is plenty of need across the country for skilled trades workers. Certified automotive service technicians make around $17 an hour, while electrical trades workers make about $22 an hour.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED PSE ENROLMENT Newly released data from Statistics Canada shows that three out of four high school students in Canada intending to work in a job requiring a university degree are aware of the education they will need. The data also shows that students' knowledge of educational requirements is linked to academic performance and socio-economic background. Higher university attendance rates were seen the earlier a student learned that a university degree was required for their field.

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Being from New York, professional shopper Sandra Phillips says shopping is in her DNA.

Shop, shop, write: The life of a pro shopper

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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One year, Sandra Phillips opened a separate bank account and deposited all the money she saved in it. After 12 months, she had $1,500.

It pays in more ways than one to be a smart shopper.

"I'm from New York City. I kind of have shopping in my DNA. There, you knew you never had to pay retail," she explains.

She fell in love with a computer consultant from Montreal, so she married and moved north. The prices charged at the malls there surprised her.

But the high school art teacher was too busy to do much about it. She soon had three kids and took time off from her career to raise them.

When her youngest was a toddler, she met a woman who'd written a pamphlet-sized guide of the Chabanel Street fashion district. The author no longer wanted to update the guide, so Phillips bought the rights.

She took her two-and-a-half-year-old son out in the stroller every day, cruising the city streets looking for stores and deals. (The toddler soon coined the term "work-shopping.") Phillips collected newspaper articles about stores and talked to people about where they shopped.

In 1986, she published the first edition of Smart Shopping Montreal. It sold 5,000 copies in three months and Phillips suddenly found herself fielding media calls while trying to finance a second print run of the book.

A female bank manager loved the book and helped Phillips secure a loan. As the years passed, Phillips became a pro at the business and marketing side of her newfound profession.

Her status as an expert on consumer issues also led to media work, including regular columns in Montreal newspapers.

In 2003, she and her travel-loving husband published a guide to all the exits along Interstate 95. That book also became a best seller.

These days, Phillips spends ten weeks on the road with her husband updating Drive I-95. Back at home, she heads out work-shopping when the weather is nice — she visits half of the 1,500 businesses listed in her book every year, and alternates French and English editions annually.

At home, she updates her blog and works on the writing and layout of her books. Some days, she's out doing media appearances or book signings. Although Phillips buys little when she's visiting all those stores, she admits: "I don't ever pay retail if I can avoid it."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Professional shopper/ shopping guide writer
Education/training A love of research; ability to speak in front of crowds.
Best Part of the Job: "Making people happy. I save people money and I'm creating business in Montreal."
Worst Part of the Job: "Paying the bills, paying the taxes, doing all the drudgery of the paperwork."

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Entertainment

New Order

Court records show Ryan Seacrest has obtained a temporary restraining order against a man accused of stalking the host of American Idol. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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5. **Saw VI:** $5.6 million
6. **Where the Wild Things Are:** $5.1 million
7. **The Stepfather:** $3.4 million
8. **Amelia:** $3 million
9. **Astro Boy:** $3 million
10. **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant:** $2.8 million

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The dawn of Matt Dusk

Canadian crooner has some Good News

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

In some ways, Canadian crooner Matt Dusk wishes he was Scandinavian.

That's because they make the best pop. Dusk, who spent the past few years on an international search for pop tunes to cover on his new album, spent a lot of time listening to work developed in Nordic countries. His goal was to re-envision hit songs from around the world, applying his crooner vocals and modern pop production in a kind of globalized musical translation project.

"(Scandinavian) beats and melodies are always amazing; the lyrics, not so much ... Timbaland's been going over and getting ideas from those countries (for years)," explained Dusk. "The Nordics are just amazing musicians, and I figured if Timbaland can do it, I can too."

After combing through some 1,700 songs, Dusk chose a few for his new album, Good News. Many came from the Nordic region — not surprising, given its influence on North American pop artists from Rihanna to Beyoncé.

"If a song is No. 1, there's something in it to make the song soar — something in the production that makes it really good," he said. "What that exact thing is, is different for every song.

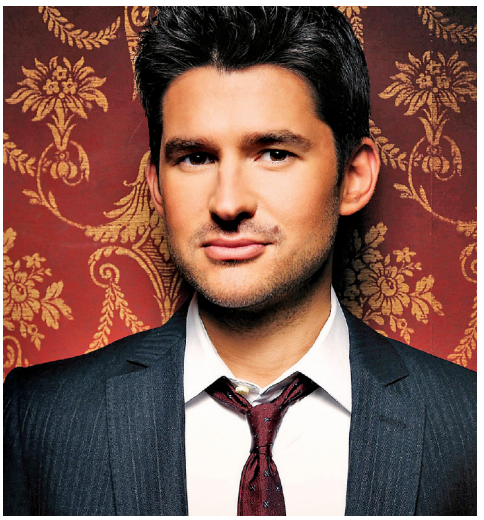
"Love Attack is a song you wouldn't expect from me, but it's what moved me. I loved the crazy synth sounds and the beat. It was first pitched to me as a demo, and was only half done at the time, but I loved it and played it nonstop."

"The Nordics are just amazing musicians, and I figured if Timbaland can do it, I can too." Matt Dusk

When arranging the songs, Dusk and his co-producer Ron LoPata punched up those elements they liked and built over stuff they didn't. The result was an album that draws on a range of styles, from jazzy piano to post-millennial hip hop. But despite this scope, Dusk's classic vocals (he trained with Oscar Peterson and holds a BFA in music) anchor each song. For example, Love Attack's final version includes 19 layers of vocals and distorted, synth-heavy production, but the vocals stay smooth and natural: no reverb, overdubs, or autotune.

"I didn't set out to re-invent the wheel," he said. "It was more like taking the classic Ford Model T and turning it into a Ferrari. Take that original design, and improve and update it to make it original.

"In the 1940s and '50s, publishing houses would put out songs, and 90 artists would cover them, and come up with 10 different standards. The best would then rise to the top."



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Judge orders trial in Anna Nicole Smith case

Three key players in the troubled world of Playboy model Anna Nicole Smith have been ordered to stand trial after a hearing that plumbed the drug-fuelled depths of her final years and the alleged roles of her boyfriend and two doctors in feeding her addiction to prescription drugs.

A judge who heard sometimes shocking testimony about the flood of drugs provided to Smith ruled Friday there was sufficient evidence to try the defendants on charges of conspiring to give the reality TV star sedatives and opiates.

Defence lawyers had argued that lawyer Howard K. Stern, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and psychiatrist Dr. Khristine Eroshevich tried desperately to save the doomed model in her waning years, including a period when she gave birth to a daughter and lost her grown son to a drug overdose.

Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry stressed that his ruling required only minimal proof that would cause a reasonable person to suspect the defendants committed the crimes.

With attorneys battling over whether Smith was addicted, the judge proclaimed, "I think you've proven (Smith is) an addict."

All three defendants pleaded not guilty.

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Ready to take Flight

Comedian Jemaine Clement stars in new sci-fi movie

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Metro World News

Jemaine Clement and customs agents just can't seem to get along. The Flight of the Conchords star missed the junket for his new film, Gentlemen Broncos, because of a visa issue, and he claims it isn't the first time.

"I always get stopped in Canada, but I did actually try to sneak in there once, so they always check it out," he says. And for work on his latest film, his appearance got him into even more trouble. "When I came to do Gentlemen Broncos, I had quite a thick beard. So I got searched on every single possible point there could be," he says, before stopping to clarify, "I don't mean bodily, I mean of the journey."

Gentlemen Broncos marks Clement's second major film role — after 2007's indie Eagle vs Shark — and in it he departs from his beloved, quirky Flight of the Conchords persona to embody Ronald Chevalier, a pompous, self-satisfied fantasy fiction author who rips off one of his biggest fans.

Jemaine Clement stars in the upcoming film Gentlemen Broncos.

Getting into the science fiction fanatic mindset wasn't the most natural thing for Clement. "I liked some sci-fi films, but I wouldn't say I was a big fan," he says of his childhood. "I had a couple of posters of sexy robots on my wall. Other than that, I wasn't that dedicated."

On the Flight of the Conchords front, he and creative partner Bret McKenzie just released their second album of material, featuring songs from the HBO series. But for fans of the Conchords, Clement might have some bad news soon. "We probably won't do a third season," he admits.

Instead, Clement plans on focusing on finding more film roles. "They're less work than TV," he says. "You have to record two albums' worth of material and write a sitcom in the time it would take to do an album. It doesn't seem worth it for us."

But finding those roles could prove difficult if Clement can't please his harshest critic: himself. "If I hear about a cool movie coming out by a director I like, I don't want to ruin it by being in it. I don't want to see myself in it," he says. "I would rather just see the movie."

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Sense and Sensibility and **Sea Monsters**

Author: Jane Austen and Ben H. Winters
Publisher: Quirk
Price: $16.95 (Paperback)

To follow up its literary mashup smash hit Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, Quirk Books and author Ben H. Winters return to the repertoire of Jane Austen, this time tweaking Sense and Sensibility with the addition of deadly sea monsters. The tale's skeleton and language remain intact, observing the Dashwood sisters and their love pursuits in the English countryside. But the parody book takes an inventively riotous turn when exaggerated mutant creatures emerge from the water to terrorize the women (and their chances at snatching a mate).

Half Broke **Horses**

Author: Jeannette Walls
Publisher: Scribner
Price: $34 (Hardcover)

American journalist Jeannette Walls rose to global acclaim with her 2005 memoir, The Glass Castle, a reflection on the pain she suffered at the hands of her troubled parents. Now, Walls climbs farther up the family tree to 1901, exploring the mettle with which her grandmother Lily Casey Smith commanded her life, presented in the form of a first-person narrative. Set in the American southwest, the "true-life novel" follows Smith's education — early in horse rearing, later in flying a plane — and the battles she fought during periods of significant economic and social change in 20th century America.

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Film celebrates Hughes

Documentary of '80s teen filmmaker marks eerie timing

When Matt Austin Sadowski started shopping around his documentary about John Hughes, film buyers didn't think audiences would be interested in a movie about the famed teen director.

But things changed considerably when the reclusive Hughes — who shunned the spotlight in recent years — died of a sudden heart attack last summer.

"Really important people around the world ... were pouring out their heart about this man," said Sadowski. "(That) created more interest in this documentary."

Three months after the '80s filmmaker passed away, Don't You Forget About Me comes out on DVD amid a renewed interest in Hughes' work.

The director's death adds an eerie poignancy to much of the film, in which Sadowski and his crew try to find out why Hughes virtually disappeared from the public eye.

"I miss you very much, I'm tired of talking to you in my mind, I'd like to talk to you in person," Judd Nelson, immortalized as the bad-boy John Bender in The Breakfast Club, says to the camera in an address to an absent Hughes towards the end of the film.

"There's a void that you left, whether you like it or not," former teen actor Justin Henry, the little brother from Sixteen Candles, adds in an oddly prescient address.

Don't You Forget About Me will be released on DVD Tuesday

Sadowski and his crew gathered the interviews in the three years before Hughes died, with Hughes proteges like Ally Sheedy, Andrew McCarthy, Mia Sara, Alan Ruck and Gedde Watanabe musing on the lasting impact of his films.

Sadowski says he and his crew began the project to celebrate Hughes' films but also to examine how they have endured today, and to find out why the director stopped making movies.

"We didn't want to change the film after John Hughes passed away because we made this film about his life, not his death," says Sadowski. "We didn't want to go out and grab all these other interviews now and ask how his death affected them because we made it about his life."

"These are (films) that have resulted in conversations and really have not only (put) a mark on pop culture but really have (put) a mark on people's adolescence. That's really important, that's when you discover who you are."

The documentary is framed as a road trip, with Sadowski and his 30-something cohorts piling into a van in Toronto and heading to Chicago in a bid to land an on-camera interview with Hughes.

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The recent death of John Hughes created a heightened interest in director Matt Austin Sadowski's (pictured) documentary Don't You Forget About Me: A Tribute to John Hughes.

Chuck Biscuits' death was hoax

PEOPLE The founder of Vancouver punk group D.O.A. says that his former drummer, Chuck Biscuits, is alive and well and Internet reports of his death are part of a "cruel hoax." Joe Keithley told The Canadian Press on Friday that the drummer's brother contacted him and confirmed that Biscuits is indeed alive. "He's well and alive, so that's good news," Keithley said. Several major news outlets reported Thursday that Biscuits had died of throat cancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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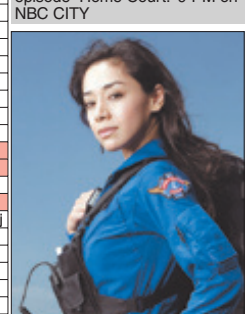

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Celeb baby gets a normal first name
It's another boy for Colin Farrell. A spokeswoman for the 33-year-old actor said Friday that Farrell and actress Alicja Bachleda welcomed son Henry Tadeusz Farrell on Oct. 7. The couple met while filming Ondine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Cheetah tried to eat my nipple: Bai Ling

A DARWIN AWARD JUST WAITING TO HAPPEN Bai Ling learned the hard way not to get too close to her pet cheetah-cat, Quiji, a domestic cat and cheetah mix that a boyfriend got her for $30,000 US. "I sleep naked," Ling explains to People Pets. "She was kissing me, and suddenly, she woke up. She saw my nipple, and oh my God, she went for it! If I wasn't fast, my nipple is gone. She thought it was a toy or something."
METRO WORLD NEWS

Hugh wants to be Sexiest times two

WHEN YOUR MOVIES FLOP, IT HELPS YOU STAY IN THE NEWS Time is drawing near for Hugh Jackman to pass the torch onto the next People's Sexiest Man Alive, but the Aussie hunk knows exactly who he wants to win the title: "Me," he tells the magazine. "I want to be the first to have it back to back. That would be fantastic." But he admits he's looking forward to seeing another man get all the attention. "It's been a great year. But now the pressure's off," he says. "I can be a slob again."
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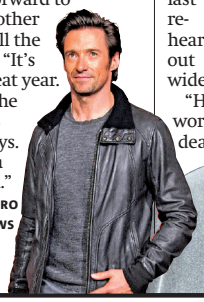

Will Kristen and Rob get some time together?

WE'RE STARTING TO BE THANKFUL THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF THESE MOVIES With filming on Eclipse, the third Twilight film, finished, Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson may get a little time to themselves. Which is good, because some sources are claiming their relationship is on the rocks. In fact, OK! Magazine reported last week that the pair had broken up. "Rob was talking marriage," a source told the magazine. "The relationship was also stealing all of Kristen's attention and keeping her from spending time with her friends and family. She told him they need to take a break." But Stewart's rep was quick to quash that rumour, telling Showbiz Spy, "Do you really consider them a news source?"
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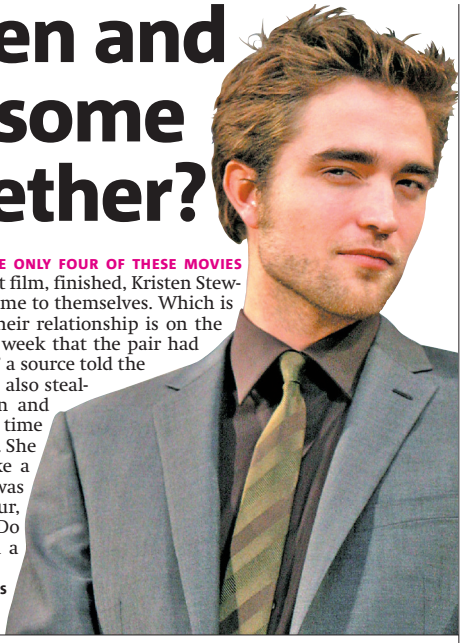

Michael's 'worth more dead' than alive: Joe Jackson

AND I'M GONNA RIDE THAT GRAVY TRAIN AS FAR AS IT GOES Joe Jackson isn't afraid to say what everyone's thinking about his son Michael Jackson now the This Is It, the film documenting the singer's last rehearsals is out worldwide. "He's worth more dead than when he was alive," Joe told Extra. "I'd rather have him alive." The father who famously pushed his son into the spotlight admits he wasn't originally on board for the concert film.

"I didn't know what This Is It meant," he says.

But the movie allows him to remember Michael "as I knew him best: Performing and dancing on stage. Entertaining people."
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A-Rod thinks he's super awesome

CENTAURS, HUH? MUST BE A NARNIA FAN Alex Rodriguez has a lot to be boastful about, playing in the World Series and dating Hollywood beauty Kate Hudson, and apparently everything's already gone to his head. An ex-girlfriend tells Us Weekly that the Yankees slugger is such a fan of himself that he has a portrait depicting him as a centaur hanging over his bed. "He was so vain. He had not one, but two painted portraits of himself as a centaur. You know, the half man, half horse figure," she says. "It was ridiculous."
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Brooke's rude to the help

A HERMÈS DISCOUNT SALE? THIS ITEM CAN'T BE RIGHT Despite her sweet-as-pie image, Brooke Shields apparently made life hell for a shop worker at a Hermès discount sale recently.

"Brooke was in a snit when she walked in the store," a source tells Fox News. "A sales associate offered to show her some watches she was looking at when she bit his head off. She could have said, 'No thanks,' but instead said, 'If I needed any help, I would ask for it!' People were definitely staring at her by that point!"
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Celebrity tweets

Today, Kathy Griffin is just repeating what she heard, Kirstie Alley isn't really watching the game when she watches the World Series, Perez Hilton shares details about his imaginary love life, and Boris Johnson speaks out on the really important issues.

• @officialkathyg
When I say her "retarded baby," I'm quoting HER! Sarah Palin said it about her youngest. Jeez, don't you guys watch The Insider?? XO, K

• @KirstieAlley
Can we tlk about how cute the pitcher for the Phillies is? Wats his name, hamletons or hamels or.. Hell, you guys know.. Wat is it?

• @PerezHilton
Seems like every day I have a new imaginary boyfriend. Kinda sad. Kinda fun to daydream! Today's is Russell Tovey. Yesterday was Matt Bomer.

• @MayorOfLondon
Tragic news about Barbara Windsor leaving Eastenders!
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Mel's afraid to go back to Scotland

A MENTAL PICTURE WE DIDN'T NEED Mel Gibson may have cemented himself in Scottish cultural history by making the award-winning Braveheart nearly 15 years ago, but that doesn't mean he's a regular visitor to the country. Far from it, in fact. "I haven't gone back since because I'm afraid," he tells the Daily Mail. "I'd never get sober for one thing, and to have to run around in a dress. It's cold up there."
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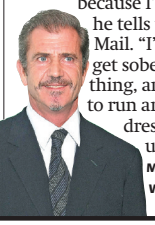

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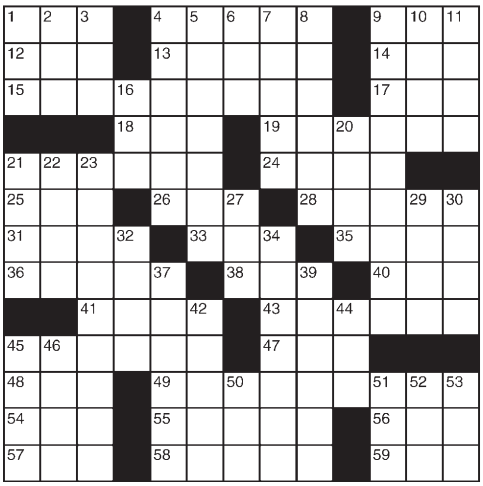

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9 slices bread, cubed
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 lb (250 g) sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground mustard

METHOD:

1. In large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add eggs, milk, bread, cheese, bacon and mustard. Transfer to greased shallow 3-qt. (3 L) baking dish. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
2. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake at 350°F (180°C) 60-65 minutes or until knife inserted near centre comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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Your ideas are as good as anyone else's ideas — indeed, they are better — but you seem to think that you are not as smart as people you're up against.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A full moon in your sign means you'll have a hard time controlling your emotions today, but maybe that's good because you've been bottled up inside.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
According to the planets, loved ones have a lot on their minds at the moment and they cannot easily deal with more than one thought at a time.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The less you reveal about your plans the better. Refuse to be drawn on what you are up to: There is money and prestige at stake.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You are not the type to lose your head and crack under pressure. Someone who envies your success and popularity will turn up the heat today.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
With Mercury, planet of communication, under pressure at the moment, it's unlikely you will get the response you seek this side of tomorrow.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Make every word count today. Don't bother with explanations or clarifications, just say what you have to say and leave no one in any doubt.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
As the moon is full in your opposite sign of Taurus today it will pay you to be considerate of other people's feelings.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Both the full moon in Taurus and Mercury at odds with Mars urge you to get your head out of the clouds and focus on facts.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may find it hard to stay focused today as the full moon pulls you in two directions at once. Hard, however, is not the same as impossible.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be honest with friends and colleagues today, even if what you have to tell them is clearly not what they were hoping to hear.

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